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FOLLOWING IS TEXT OF AMB SCALI'S NOV 1 STATEMENT
TO GA ON CYPRUS.

MR. PRESIDENT,

THE PRESENT STATE OF AFFAIRS ON CYPRUS SATISFIES NO ONE.

BUT IF WORLD COMMUNITY IS TO CONTRIBUTE CONSTRUCTIVELY

TO IMPROVEMENT OF THIS PROBLEM IT MUST

DO MORE THAN REVIEW PAST, AND DEPLORE PRESENT.

THAT IS TOO EASY. NEITHER CAN WE HERE PRESUME TO

DICTATE SPECIFIC INGREDIENTS OF A BETTER FUTURE. WHAT

WE CAN AND SHOULD DO IS TO HELP CREATE AN ATMOSPHERE

WHERE MEANINGFUL NEGOTIATION, FLEXIBILITY, AND COMPROMISE

ARE POSSIBLE.

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UN HAS ALREADY PLAYED AN IMPORTANT PART IN ACHIEVING WHAT PROGRESS HAS SO FAR OCCURRED. IN JULY SC ACHIEVED A CEASEFIRE ON CYPRUS. IT ALSO CREATED A FRAMEWORK FOR NEGOTIATIONS BETWEEN ALL PARTIES, AND ESTABLISHED ESSENTIAL PRINCIPLES TO GUIDE THOSE NEGOTIATIONS.

SYG WALDHEIM HAS BEEN A PARTICULARLY ACTIVE AND CONSTRUCTIVE FIGURE IN CYPRUS. HE HAS PERSONALLY INITIATED MEETINGS BETWEEN MR. CLERIDES AND MR. DENKTASH. FURTHER, SYG'S SPECIAL REP, MR. WECKMAN MUNOZ, CONTINUES TO PARTICIPATE IN THESE MEETINGS. NICOSIA TALKS HAVE GRADUALLY, TO BE SURE, BUT NONETHELESS SUCCESSFULLY PRODUCED AGREEMENT ON EXCHANGE OF PRISONERS. DISCUSSIONS ARE CONTINUING AND ARE FOCUSING ON OTHER PRESSING ISSUES. MOST IMPORTANT, THEY HAVE LAID A FRAGILE, BUT FOR THAT REASON ALL MORE CRITICAL, FOUNDATION OF CONFIDENCE AND COOPERATION UPON WHICH BROADENED DISCUSSIONS CAN BE BASED.

UN HIGH COMMISSION FOR REFUGEES, IN COOPERATION WITH INTERNATIONAL COMITE OF RED CROSS, HAS RESPONDED TO MOST IMMEDIATE AND MOST COMPELLING ASPECTS OF CYPRUS TRAGEDY. HIS ASSISTANCE HAS BEEN IMPORTANT IN SECURING RELEASE OF PRISONERS, REUNITING FAMILIES, PROVIDING RELIEF SUPPLIES, AND MINISTERING TO SICK, THE NEEDY, AND HELPLESS.

NO DISCUSSION OF CYPRUS SITUATION WOULD BE COMPLETE WITHOUT MENTION OF UNFICYP. THESE SOLDIERS FOR PEACE HAVE CONDUCTED THEMSELVES IN A MAGNIFICENT TRADITION TO PROTECT AND ASSIST PEOPLE OF CYPRUS, AND TO MAINTAIN WORLD PEACE. THEY PERSONIFY HIGHEST IDEALS OF THIS ORGANIZATION. MY GOVT AGAIN WOULD LIKE TO EXPRESS ITS DEEPEST GRATITUDE TO ALL NATIONS WHO HAVE SUPPLIED CONTINGENTS TO FORCE. WE ASK GOVTS OF DENMARK, AUSTRIA, UK AND CANADA TO CONVEY OUR SINCERE CONDOLENCES TO FAMILIES OF THOSE MEN WHO HAVE GIVEN THEIR LIVES IN CAUSE OF PEACE, AND IN SERVICE OF THIS ORGANIZATION.

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US HAS WORKED THROUGHOUT RECENT CYPRUS CRISIS WITHIN UN AND DIRECTLY WITH ALL OF PARTIES. WE HAVE SOUGHT TO PREVENT BLOODSHED, TO STOP FIGHTING, TO MAINTAIN PEACE, AND TO ENCOURAGE PROGRESS TOWARDS A LASTING SETTLEMENT. OUR FIRST CONCERN DURING SUMMER WAS TO DEFUSE IMMEDIATE CRISIS AND TO HELP PARTIES TALK TO ONE ANOTHER

AGAIN. WE MADE STRENUOUS ATTEMPTS TO PREVENT, AND THEN TO CONFINED, MILITARY ACTIVITIES ON ISLAND WHICH TOOK PLACE IN JULY AND AUGUST. THEREAFTER US COOPERATED WITH UN AND WITH PARTIES MOST DIRECTLY CONCERNED IN ARRANGING A CEASEFIRE WHICH STILL HOLDS TODAY. FURTHER OUR GOVT HAS ACTIVELY SUPPORTED EFFORTS IN GENEVA, IN PURSUANCE OF SC RES 353, TO ESTABLISH OUTLINES OF A LASTING SETTLEMENT. WE ALSO VIGOROUSLY ENCOURAGED DISCUSSIONS BETWEEN THE LEADERS OF GREEK AND TURKISH CYPRIOT COMMUNITIES.

US CONTINUES TO STAND READY, AS SECRETARY KISSINGER RECENTLY TOLD ASSEMBLY, "TO PLAY AN EVEN MORE ACTIVE ROLE THAN IN THE PAST IN HELPING THE PARTIES FIND A SOLUTION TO THE CENTURIES OLD PROBLEM OF CYPRUS".

MY GOVT HAS ALSO RESPONDED TO REAL AND IMMEDIATE HUMAN NEEDS OF PEOPLE OF CYPRUS. WE ARE CONTRIBUTING ONE THIRD OF 22 MILLION DOLLARS WHICH UNHCR FOR REFUGEES ESTIMATES THAT HE WILL NEED BEFORE THE END OF THIS YEAR. OVERALL, US ASSISTANCE FOR CYPRUS RELIEF THIS YEAR WILL AMOUNT TO OVER \$10 MILLION. WE REMAIN PREPARED TO MAKE ADDITIONAL CONTRIBUTIONS AS THEY ARE NEEDED.

WE URGE INTERNATIONAL COMMUNITY TO CONTINUE AND IF POSSIBLE TO INCREASE ITS HUMANITARIAN EFFORTS.

NUMEROUS AND VARIED EFFORTS OF UN AND OF ITS INDIVIDUAL MEMBERS HAVE SERVED, WE BELIEVE, TO BRING PARTIES CLOSER. THEY HAVE HELPED CREATE AN ATMOSPHERE IN WHICH NEGOTIATION CAN MOVE FORWARD. OUR CONTINUING CONCERN IS TO PROVIDE ASSISTANCE, TO WHATEVER UNCLASSIFIED

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DEGREE PARTIES CONSIDER USEFUL, IN MEETING IMPERATIVE, URGENT NEED FOR PEACE.

UN HAS A LONG HISTORY OF INVOLVEMENT IN CYPRUS. ITS RECORD THERE IS HONORABLE AND ITS ACHIEVEMENT SUBSTANTIAL. EVENTS OF PAST MONTHS HAVE ONCE AGAIN DEMONSTRATED, HOWEVER, THAT PEACEKEEPING IS NOT A SUBSTITUTE FOR PEACE. WE HAVE ONCE AGAIN LEARNED THAT ONLY PARTIES TO A DISPUTE CAN TRULY RESOLVE THEIR DIFFERENCES.

THOSE WHO ARE FRIENDS OF CYPRUS HAVE AN OBLIGATION TO DO THEIR BEST TO ENCOURAGE, AND TO PROTECT ALL GENUINE EFFORTS BY THESE PARTIES TO WORK OUT SUCH A SETTLEMENT.

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